VFW POST 10209 General Meeting Minutes December 26, 2018

Guest Speakers: There were no guest speakers

Call to Order: The regular meeting of VFW Post 10209 was called to order by CDR Pickering at 18:07. The OOD verified that all present were permitted to remain.

Opening Prayer: CDR Pickering lead the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: CDR Pickering lead the members in the pledge of allegiance.

Special Guests and Visitors: There were no special guests or visitors in attendance.

Roll Call of Officers: The Adjutant called the roll of officers. All officers were present with the exception of the following members who were absent and/or excused. Jr Vice Dan Lynch-excused, Chaplain Gonsalves-absent, Trustee Artie Davila-excused, Trustee Frank Ortiz-absent, Service Officer Steve White-absent, Guard Charles Walter-absent, House Chair John Alonso-absent.

Reading of Minutes: Adjutant read the minutes of the previous meeting . There was a motion Nick Johnson to accept the minutes as read and a second to approve by Lou Palermo. Vote was unanimous.

New Correspondence: Adjutant there was no new correspondence.

New Members: QM reported on new member and transferee Odem Smith. Motion was made QM and seconded by Adj to accept the new member into the Post. Vote was unanimous.

Quartermaster Report: Quartermaster delivered the financial report. All bills and taxes are current. The bank balance is $15,683.68.

Committee Reports:

House Committee: CDR Pickering announced that John Alonso has resigned as chairman and we will be looking for a new replacement. There was no report provided.

Service Officer: Steve White was absent and no report was provided.

Membership Chair: Sr Vice Johnson provided an update on our Post's membership status. We are currently at 84.8% of paid members. We need 104 more members paying their dues in order to reach 100%.

Honor Guard: This month the honor guard participated in 14 funerals. There have been a total of 190 funerals this year and one color guard and two memorial services.

Webmaster Report: We had 462 hits on the website for the month of November, a decrease of 257 hits from the previous month. 250 members are signed up to receive monthly emails. 126 State/National/District Emails were mailed and distributed as required.

Chaplain: Mike Gonsalves was absent and there was no report provided.

Members or family members in Distress.: CDR reported that Salvatore who is in his 90's has decided to give up his chemo therapy. John Pasquale is having health and Adj Nicolow's Father-in-law passed away Dec 22. He was 93 years old. CDR asks that we all remember these individuals in our prayers.

Divine Blessing of National Home: CDR Pickering lead the prayer for our divine blessing for our National Home.

Unfinished Business: The Adjutant reminded everyone that this was the second monthly opportunity for members to review/update and approve our Post's By Laws. There were no changes requested. A motion was made by QM Bob Ross to accept and submit the By Laws as written. A second to the motion was made by CDR Pickering. A unanimous vote was made to adopt the new By Laws. There was no other unfinished business reported.

New Business: New member Odem suggested that we should form a 10 member drill team to perform at various events around the Bay Area. There was no motion made to adopt or reject the suggestion. No other new business was reported.

Good of the Order: CDR Pickering commented on the Mid-Winter Conference. Dinner and Entertainment will take place on Feb 2nd., the Ladies of Liberty will be performing. Dist 21 CDR Dale visited our Post and wished all members a wonderful Christmas and Holiday period.

Closing Prayer: CDR Pickering lead the closing prayer

Salute to the Flag: CDR Pickering lead the salute to the flag.

Adjournment: CDR Pickering adjourned the meeting at 18:35.

Adjutant:

William Nicolow

VFW POST 10209
ATTENDANCE ROSTER

DATE: 12-26-18
Start: 1852 Finish: 1835

POSITION	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	COMMENTS
COMMANDER	NORM PICKERING	✓			
SR VICE CDR	NICK JOHNSON	✓			
JR VICE CDR	DAN LYNCH		✓	✓	
QUARTERMASTER	BOB ROSS	✓			
CHAPLAIN	MIKE GONSALVES		✓		
JUDGE ADVOCATE	BILL NICOLOW	✓			
SURGEON	MIKE GONSALVES		✓		
1 YEAR TRUSTEE	LOU PALERMO	✓			
2 YEAR TRUSTEE	FRANK ORTIZ		✓		
3 YR TRUSTEE	ARTHUR DAVILA			✓	
ADJUTANT	BILL NICOLOW	✓			
SERVICE OFFICER	STEVE WHITE		✓		
HOUSE CHAIR	JOHN ALONSO		✓		
HONOR GUARD CAPT	NORM PICKERING	✓			
WEBMASTER	BILL NICOLOW	✓			
GUARD	CHARLES WALTER		✓		

ATTENDANCE TAKEN BY: Bill Nicolow

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